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MISSING PERSONS

GENEVA -- THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
HAS SET UP A FIVE-MAN GROUP TO EXAMINE "ENFORCED AND
INVOLUNTARY DISAPPEARANCES OF PERSONS."IN A RESOLUTION ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE HERE FEBRUARY 29,
THE 43-MEMBER U.N. PANEL SAID THE WORKING GROUP WOULD
OPERATE FOR ONE YEAR AND SUBMIT ITS FINDINGS, "TOGETHER
WITH ITS CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS," TO THE
COMMISSION AT ITS NEXT ANNUAL SESSION IN 1981.THE WORKING GROUP, THE RESOLUTION ADDED, "SHALL SEEK AND
RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM GOVERNMENTS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS, HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER RELIA-
BLE SOURCES," AND THE U.N. BODY APPEALED TO ALL GOVERN-
MENTS TO COOPERATE WITH AND ASSIST THE GROUP IN ITS
TASKS.

UNITED STATES DELEGATE JEROME J' SHESTACK SAID:

"WE CAN ALL TAKE GREAT SATISFACTION FROM THE FACT THAT
... WE HAVE COME TO A CONSENSUS ON THE IMPORTANT MATTER OF
DISAPPEARED AND MISSING PERSONS." HE ADDED, HOWEVER:
"I AM SURE IT IS NO SECRET THAT MY DELEGATION WOULD HAVE
WANTED A MORE VIGOROUS RESOLUTION."THE FACT THAT THE WORKING GROUP WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION
FROM RELIABLE SOURCES, SHESTACK SAID, "IS CERTAINLY A
RECOGNITION OF THE MANY FAMILIES WHO HAVE SUFFERED AGONY
WITH RESPECT TO THIS ISSUE.""WE CAN TAKE GREAT SATISFACTION TODAY AS TO WHAT HAS BEEN
ACHIEVED," SHESTACK CONCLUDED. END HAFREY

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